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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The remarks and amendments filed 10 November 2010 have been entered. Claims 8-16 are pending and under examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. A new signed copy of the IDS filed 26 August 2008 is enclosed. The references have previously been considered, the new copy is enclosed merely to indicate the year of publication of the reference by Kawamata et al., which appears to have been accidentally omitted by applicant.

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jason Fedon on 14 January 2011.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 9, change each of the three occurrences of "sequence of" to - - sequence comprising - - -

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel E. Kolker whose telephone number is (571)272-3181. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 8:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Stucker can be reached on (571) 272-0911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Daniel E Kolker/

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